

The United States filing date of Nagamura et al. was December 4, 1998. A Declaration Under 37 C.F.R. 1.131 is attached, signed by the inventor, showing conception of the invention herein prior to December 4, 1998, and due diligence from before December 4, 1998, until the filing date of the Japanese Patent Application No. 11-036505 on February 15, 1999, upon which Japanese Patent Application priority is being claimed in the above-captioned application. Thus, the rejection based upon Nagamura et al. should be withdrawn.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to claim 1 by the current amendment. The attached pages are captioned "**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE.**"

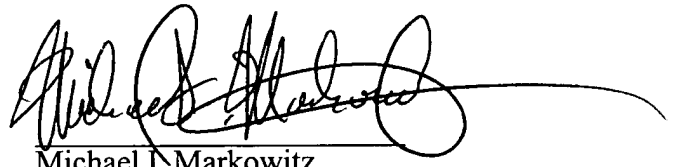
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An earnest effort has been made to be fully responsive to the Examiner's objections. In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that independent claim 1 is in condition for allowance, as well as those claims dependent therefrom. Passage of this case to allowance is earnestly solicited.

However, if for any reason the Examiner should consider this application not to be in condition for allowance, he is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below prior to issuing a further Action.

Any fee due with this paper, not fully covered by an enclosed check, may be charged on
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Enclosure: Version With Markings to Show Changes Made
Declaration Under 37 C.F.R. 1.131 with Exhibits A-H

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IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 has been rewritten as follows:

1. (Once Amended) A structure for mounting a rectangular liquid crystal module on a cover that covers at least one face of a body of a portable data terminal or information processing equipment, comprising:

a bottom plate which is put on the back side of a display face of the liquid crystal module;

an outside frame which is put on the side of the display face of the liquid crystal module and has an opening from which the display face can be exposed;

a projected portion for fitting the liquid crystal module between the bottom plate and the outside frame, the projected portion being made in at least one of upper and lower edges of the liquid crystal module so as to be projected in the direction parallel to the display face;

a through-hole which is formed in the projected portion and extends through the projected portion in the thickness direction of the liquid crystal module; and

a connection portion which is formed in the bottom plate and the outside frame and connects the two through the through-hole.